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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO  
THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES (Small Entity)**Docket No.  
121056-009In Re Application Of: **Yasushi KOHNO et al.**

Application No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Customer No.	Group Art Unit	Confirmation No.
09/837,020	April 18, 2001	Andrea Valenti	35684	3643	7531

Invention:

**METHOD OF PREVENTING DEFECTIVE GERMINATION OR GROWTH OF PLANT****COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

Applicant(s) hereby appeal(s) to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner dated **September 29, 2006** finally rejecting Claim(s) **1, 3, 7, 13, 15 and 16**

Applicant is a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27.

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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for FY 2006**☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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## Complete if Known

Application Number	09/837,020
Filing Date	April 18, 2001
First Named Inventor	Yasushi KOHNO et al.
Examiner Name	Andrea Valenti
Art Unit	3643
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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

## 2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
- 3 or HP = _____	x	\$100.00	= \$0.00

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## 4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

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